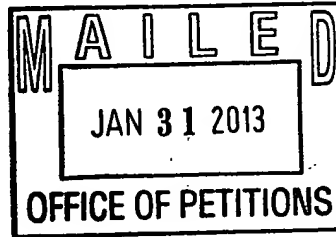




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This is regarding on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) filed January 14, 2013.

The petition is **dismissed without consideration of the merits.**

A review of the petition document reveals that it is signed by Emma Thompson who is not noted in UPSTO records as being an inventor listed on subject patent, an assignee of the patent, or a registered agent licensed to practice before the USPTO. It is noted that 37 CFR 1.33(b) provides, that:

(b) *Amendments and other papers.* Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);

(2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;

(3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

Accordingly, the petition cannot be accepted as filed because it is not signed by the inventors or one of the other parties as provided by 37 CFR 1.33(b). Petitioner may file another petition that is properly executed by the required person(s) or file a request for refund of fees paid with the Office of Finance, Office of Refund.

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